



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	23-0005 Winter Weather 29 JAN (DR-4705-TX)
Date	June 30, 2023
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM June 29 to 8:00 AM June 30, 2023
Report Number	151

Regions Affected	Regions 1, 2 & 6
DDCs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and other members of the State Emergency Management Council assisted those counties affected by Winter Storm Mara and continue processing disaster documentation as it is received.

On May 10, 2023, Governor Abbott announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has added eight more Texas counties to the federal Major Disaster Declaration for Winter Storm Mara.

Three of the eight counties added—Falls, Hopkins, and Red River—were included in the Governor's original disaster declaration request sent to President Joe Biden earlier this year. An additional five counties—Anderson, Gillespie, Kerr, Kimble, and Limestone—were approved based on certified damage assessments following the winter storm.

In February, Governor Abbott originally requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for 23 Texas counties, of which 13 were initially approved in April. The May 10 announcement brings the total approved counties in the federal disaster declaration to 21 counties.

Additionally, the Governor has directed TDEM to work with local, state, and federal partners to ensure all other Texas counties that meet their federally set PA thresholds are added to this federal declaration.

Jurisdictions continue recovery operations and are completing debris removal. TDEM continues to manage and operate a debris management site in Florence in partnership with local and state agencies including Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Public Works Response Team, and Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, at the request of local officials.

On February 21, Governor Abbott requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration, from the President, for the Texas communities impacted by the severe winter storm. The Governor's request listed the counties of: Bastrop, Blanco, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Delta, Denton, Falls, Hays, Henderson, Hopkins, Hunt, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Leon, Milam, Red River, Robertson, Shelby, Smith, Travis, and Williamson.

On February 20, Governor Abbott expanded the state's disaster declaration to include additional counties impacted by the ice storm. Governor Abbott directed TDEM to request assistance from FEMA to provide personnel to certify reported damages. TDEM has deployed specialized teams throughout Texas to work with electric cooperatives and utility partners to identify potential opportunities in affected areas for disaster assistance.

On Saturday, February 4, Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration for Texas counties impacted by this week's ice storm that caused widespread property damage, hazardous travel disruptions, and localized power outages. The disaster declaration includes Denton, Hays, Henderson, Milam, Smith, Travis, and Williamson counties. Additional counties may be added to the declaration as damage.

On February 2, the Governor urged Texans to report ice storm damage to homes and businesses using the Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT) and can be filled out in English and Spanish online by visiting damage.tdem.texas.gov and clicking on "Ice Storm/Winter Weather January 29 - Ongoing."

On January 31, the Governor provided an update on the State of Texas' response to the severe winter weather conditions affecting substantial portions of Texas, following a briefing at the State Operations Center in Austin. Texans in the North, West, and Central regions of the state should prepare for continued freezing cold temperatures, wind-chills, freezing rain, sleet, and icing conditions from January 31 through February 2.

On January 30, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to increase the readiness level of the State Operations Center (SOC) to Level II as winter weather begins impacting large portions of Texas from January 30 through February 2.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

RESPONDING TO STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):

TEMAT DRTF: Ten Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT) - Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF) members were activated to support initial damage assessments throughout TDEM Regions 1 and 6.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension: Texas Agrilife assisted with Williamson County's debris management operation. Two agents also assisted with logistics and operating heavy equipment at the Williamson County burn site located in Florence.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS supported the debris management site in Williamson County.

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) for this incident. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-3>

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